

The Federal Communications Commission

Dear The Federal Communications Commission,

As a retired Nebraska teacher I can not afford an increase in my wireless phone rate no an increase in my calling card rate. I imagine the telephone companies are pushing for this increase in the hopes they will get more business. In my opinion this is unfair to get a third party to bring them more business. If they want more business they should improve their services and be customer friendly. That is the way other businesses increase their sales, the telephone companies should play by the same rules.

Another trend to consider is that times and technology is changing. The telephone companies have to change to satisfy the customer or lose. They can't have a third party punish the customer in the hopes they will be forced to use their services.

I do not want to pay more for my telephone service! I urge you to reject a flat fee proposal that would change how contributions are made to the Universal Service Fund. I am concerned that this proposal could make my current service unaffordable.

Under the flat fee proposal you are considering, people who make few long distance calls would pay the same as people or businesses that make many calls. In other words, low-volume and primarily residential customers would bear the same universal service fund burden as a high-volume residential or business customers. This is unfair!

I use my wireless phone for safety, security and convenience. I don't want to lose these benefits so that big businesses can pay less than their fair share. I urge you to reject the proposal to move the USF collection system to a flat-fee.

Keep the USF Fair!

Sincerely,

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